

OFFICERS' REPORT**ICAN CITIES APPEAL**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Congratulates the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), founded in Melbourne, on winning the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.*
- 2. Endorses the ICAN Cities Appeal, that is, that the City of Monash "is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay."*
- 3. Writes to ICAN with notification of Council's endorsement.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The proposal would be accommodated within the current budget.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

There would be no impact on internal resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

This has not been identified as an advocacy platform in Council's current strategic documents.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

As referenced in the ICAN CITIES NOM:

'Australia has a long-standing record on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, including support for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and for universalising the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Australia supported the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed between the US and Russia in April 2010, and will continue to support a reduced role for nuclear weapons in the national security strategies of nuclear armed states, including the US.'

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, has clarified Australia's Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Policy position with regard to Nuclear Weapons¹.

¹ <https://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/non-proliferation-disarmament-arms-control/nuclear-weapons/Pages/australias-nuclear-non-proliferation-and-disarmament-policy.aspx>